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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a vehicle body frame for a motorcycle comprising the following steps:

integrating aluminum series die cast products and aluminum series non-die cast products fabricated by a method other than die casting to form an integrated article having die cast portions and non-die cast portions;

subjecting ~~an~~ the integrated article to an alumite treating coating; and

additionally coating only the die cast portions of the integrated article with a coating having a color generally the same as the alumite coating.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 1, and further including the step of fabricating at least one of said die cast products with molten aluminum injected into a cavity under high pressure and at least another of said die cast products by gravity die casting molten aluminum into a cavity.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein the high pressure die cast products are pivot plates for the vehicle body, said method and further including the steps ~~step~~ of die-casting pivot plates for the vehicle body frame and projecting shot grain onto the pivot plates for finishing the surface.

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4. (Original) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 1, wherein a gate speed for the die casting is 5-15m/s for the molten metal.

5. (New) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 2, wherein said step of additionally coating the die cast products does not include additionally coating the gravity die cast products.

6. (New) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 1, wherein said coating having a color generally the same as the alumite coating is a cross linked coating.

7. (New) A method of fabricating a vehicle body frame for a motorcycle comprising the following steps:

forming aluminum series die cast products by high pressure die casting;

forming aluminum series non-die cast products by a method other than high pressure die casting

integrating said aluminum series die cast products and said aluminum series non-die cast products to form an integrated article having die cast portions and non-die cast portions;

subjecting the integrated article to an alumite treating coating; and

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additionally coating only the die cast portions of the integrated article with a coating having a color generally the same as the alumite coating.

8. (New) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 7, wherein the die cast products are pivot plates for the vehicle body, said method further including the step of projecting shot grain onto the pivot plates for finishing the surface.

9. (New) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 7, wherein a gate speed for the die casting is 5-15m/s for the molten metal.

10. (New) The method of fabricating the vehicle body frame for a motorcycle according to claim 7, wherein said coating having a color generally the same as the alumite coating is a cross linked coating.